GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5237
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2002
UTILISATION OF FUNDS
DINSHA J. PATEL

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have devised any strategy to ensure proper utilisation of funds allocated to the States for development and promotion of tourism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): The Department of Tourism, Government of India grants Central financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations every year for identified projects for development of infrastructure and promotion of tourism in the country.

Completion and maintenance of projects and utilisation of funds is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Department of Tourism, Govt. of India has set up a Monitoring Committee consisting of the officials of the Department of Tourism and the State Govts. to monitor projects in various States/UT Administrations. Senior officers of the Department of Tourism also monitor the progress of projects during their official tours. Review meetings are also held with the officers of the State Governments.

(b): A statement showing information about the number of projects, amount sanctioned and amount released during last 3 years i.e. 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 is annexed.